

The vital thing in a democracy is to stimulate in the people an interest in their own affairs. The well-meaning official who plans to "let results talk" all too often doesn't get enough results to make a whisper.

Maui News

NEXT WEEK'S MAILS

From Coast:
Sachem, Feb. 1; Nile, Feb. 3;
Matsonia, Feb. 3; Manoa, Feb.
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For Coast:
Colusa, Feb. 1; Nanking, Feb.
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"Flu" Again Has Wailuku In Grip

Insidious Epidemic Comes Suddenly And Spreads Fast—About 150 Cases Already—Five Deaths—Armory Fitted As Hospital.

Wailuku is again in the grip of an influenza epidemic. It came suddenly, practically within a week. At the present time there are perhaps 150 cases of the disease, and it is apparently increasing rapidly. There have been 5 deaths thus far.

On Tuesday the board of health reports showed 18 cases diagnosed as influenza. On Wednesday 37 additional cases were reported. On Thursday 47 more cases were reported by Dr. Osmer, and perhaps a dozen more cases had been reported by Japanese physicians in the community.

Malulu hospital was practically filled to capacity yesterday and today the overflow is being cared for in the Armory, which has been fitted up with cots. If the epidemic keeps up at its present rate of increase for a few days longer some other temporary hospital may have to be improvised.

Similar To Former Epidemic

Dr. Osmer states that the epidemic has practically all of the characteristics of the one last winter. So far as can yet be told it appears to equal the first scourge in severity, and if anything is spreading more rapidly. In a number of instances whole families of from 5 to 9 members are ill. The nurses and other workers yesterday found some families in which none of the members had had any food or attention for a day or more, all being too ill to care for themselves or the rest.

The first death to occur was that of former Police Officer Joseph B. Wilson who died last Sunday after less than a week's real illness. The actual cause of the death was pneumonia which developed in the last few days of the attack. Another death on Wednesday was that of Joseph Souza, a luna on the Wailuku plantation. In both the Wilson and Souza families practically all of the members of the families are more or less seriously ill. Mrs. Souza's condition is reported to be critical. The three other deaths were those of Japanese.

Mostly In Wailuku As Yet

With the exception of six cases in one family reported from Puunene by Dr. F. E. Sawyer, all thus far reported are in Wailuku. Health officials, however, expect a spread to the other districts very soon.

The board of health authorities represented here by Dr. William Osmer, territorial physician, and George Weight, chief sanitary inspector, have quickly organized a force of nurses and assistants to combat the disease, and hope by vigorous measures to be able to check it more quickly than last year. As was done in the latter part of the campaign last winter, a systematic search for cases through the camps has already been inaugurated, and in this way many cases are being brought to light which might otherwise not be discovered until too late.

There is need for more professional help in this work, and the nurses available are being pressed to the limit of their endurance. Dr. Osmer who is the only physician at present in this district is also much overworked. He had hoped to obtain an assistant from Honolulu on Wednesday but was disappointed.

May Again Close Theaters

There is some advocacy of the closing of theaters, and prohibiting public gatherings as was done during the previous epidemic, though many persons point to the fact that this method was not proved to have been especially successful on the mainland. A meeting of the woman's suffrage club of Wailuku, which was to have been held here this afternoon was indefinitely postponed on account of the disease.

If any compulsory steps are taken in this direction it will have to come through a special regulation from board of health headquarters Honolulu.

"Flu" in Honolulu
Honolulu is the only other part of the territory from which the epidemic has as yet been reported. Up to Tuesday of this week 49 cases, with 9 deaths had been diagnosed as influenza in Honolulu during January. Of this

Wailuku Sugar Co. Ready To Begin Grinding

Unless the threatened strike of the Japanese laborers prevents, the Wailuku Sugar Company will begin grinding its season's crop next Monday. The starting up of the mill has been delayed for more than a month on account of the non-arrival of certain boilers and machinery which had been held up by strikes of one kind or another on the mainland. This new installation has finally been completed, however, and the mill is ready to run.

Japanese Laborers Ordered Out Monday

Some Uncertainty Whether Order Will Be Generally Obeyed—Not A Question Of Wages But Of Control By Leaders

Will there be a strike on Maui? Nobody knows definitely, but it seems the general belief that there will.

The Federation of Japanese Laborers, the leaders of which met in Honolulu last Sunday, issued a general strike order to take effect on February 1—next Monday. The order has been received here and various meetings of local laborers have been held during the week, but it is still uncertain whether or not the order will be obeyed.

In Honolulu the Filipino laborers went out on strike last week and were followed by a considerable number of Japanese laborers. In all between 2400 and 4000 were reported to be out at last accounts.

If the strike is put into effect it is believed that it will be met with the strongest kind of opposition on the part of the plantations for the reason that it seems more and more evident that it will be a test of the strength of the laborers' organization and the authority of its leaders, rather than dissatisfaction with the amount of wages. With the present high price of sugar the present bonus system insures the laborers of about 200 percent additional each month, or about three times their nominal wage, besides some 40 to 50 percent of their yearly wage at the close of each season. It now seems probable that this high sugar price will continue during the year, thus making the income of every laborer much more than had been expected by anyone at the time the season opened.

Wailuku People See Islands From Haleakala

Two mountain parties from Wailuku enjoyed an unusually pleasant trip to the top of the mountain last Saturday, returning home on Sunday. The weather was all that could be desired, and although it was cold at the summit the air was beautifully clear and a wonderful view was had of all of the islands of the group except Oahu and Kauai.

There was still a little snow on the summit. The two big mountains on Hawaii, Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea were distinctly visible and are reported to be heavily snow-capped. At night the lights in Kohala were clearly visible.

In one of the parties were—Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Burns, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pitcairn, and Hilda Villers. In the other, W. G. G. Mott, H. H. Jones, Joe Federell and G. B. Dewing.

JAPANESE AVOID CENSUS
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23—Police squads aiding the census enumerators in checking the Japanese report that only 2,000 Japanese have registered. It is believed 10,000 Japanese live here.

number 9 had been brought in by vessels from the mainland.

The Honolulu chamber of commerce has appropriated \$2000 at the request of President Trotter, of the health board for the purpose of meeting special expenses in connection with the disease. An appeal has also been made through representatives in Washington that Hawaii be included in the bill pending in congress appropriating half a million dollars for combating contagious disease in the United States.

LANDS LONG IDLE SOON YIELD PINES

Huelo Lands Now Prepared And Being Planted-- Districts Never Before Cultivated Now To Yield A Harvest--Big Improvements In Local Canneries At Haiku And Lahaina--New Cannery At Pauwela Well Under Way

That Maui within a few years will be the leading island of the group in pineapple production, is indicated from the tremendous extension of the plantings which have been made in the past year and the other areas now being planted or being prepared for planting. No one who has not made a trip through east Maui recently can appreciate the extent of this development.

Practically all of the available land between Pauwela and the Haleakala gulch and from the sea up to the 1500 or 2000 foot level, has now been taken for pineapples. Much land is at present being planted or cleared all along the west edge of Haleakala gulch, and a number of small plantings are reported on Kuleana as far east as Huelo, or more than 10 miles east of Haiku.

Most of this planting is being done by Japanese on a contract basis for a share of the crop, and a considerable part of the area is, on smaller holdings or kuleanas. All through the older part of the district small areas on the steepest kind of hillsides and on rocky land that has been passed by heretofore as waste land, have now been reclaimed and planted to the fruit. A very considerable amount of land previously in pineapples, and therefore presumed to be of uncertain value for pineapple production is being replanted by Japanese who are willing to take a chance.

The plantings are being extended also through the Kaupakalua and Makawao sections, and will doubtless be carried around towards Kula as far as the rainfall will warrant.

New Cannery Stimulates
Much of the development has doubtless been stimulated by the entrance into the field of the new Pauwela Pineapple Co., of California, which has secured a considerable area of fee simple land and leases in the east Maui section and is pushing construction on a cannery at Kulaha which will apparently be one of the most modern type in the territory. The company is a new one in the Islands and represented entirely by California capital.

The cannery building now going up is of concrete construction, and is of the latest type of factory structure. The company is also developing a large camp system to provide accommodations for the workers that will be needed. This housing system will also be along modern lines with comfortable and convenient quarters including dormitories, cafeteria, etc. The matter of sanitation is to be a special feature, and a modern septic tank system of sewage disposal is to be installed in this connection.

Wailuku Church To Hold Annual Meeting Tonight

The annual business meeting of the members of the Wailuku Union church will be held this evening at the kindergarten rooms of the Alexander House Settlement. It will be preceded by a dinner beginning at 6:30 o'clock, served by the ladies of the church. The affair is expected to be a pleasant and encouraging one.

VISITOR SERIOUSLY ILL

George B. Dewing, radio operator in charge of the naval radio station at Wailuku, was called to Honolulu on Wednesday by the critical illness of Miss Margaret Cairns, a companion of his mother, Mrs. M. L. Dewing, who arrived in Honolulu with Mrs. Dewing from Oakland by the army transport Madawaska last Friday. The younger woman, it is understood, contracted influenza on the trip and was taken to the Queen's hospital upon the arrival of the vessel. They had expected to come to Maui this week for an extended visit.

The company already had practically completed a large building which is subdivided into 8 store-rooms and which will be leased for store purposes, a restaurant, a pool room, etc.

Work on the superstructure of the main cannery building was started last week and will be finished within a few weeks. The company expects to have the plant completed and ready to handle the summer pack by May.

Haiku Fruit Expanding Greatly

The plant of the old Haiku company, the Haiku Fruit & Packing Company, Ltd., is also being greatly enlarged to care for the big increase in pack which is coming. The work is being pushed as fast as possible and it is expected that it will be full ready by the time the big rush begins next June. Besides adding greatly to the canning machinery space, the company is increasing its warehouse capacity several fold. It has also re-arranged its power house system with addition of additional boilers and engines and a modern lighting system which brilliantly lights not only the factory buildings but all of the camp houses of the community.

The company has also constructed an attractive and commodious office building a number of rods nanka of the factory, which is a big improvement over the previous arrangement.

West Maui Developing Also

Over at Lahaina, almost opposite the site of the new Mala wharf, the Baldwin Canneries' new plant now has its framework completed, and the big main building is ready for its iron covering. This cannery will be considerably greater in capacity than the old cannery at the Honolulu Ranch which it will supplant, and will embody the latest ideas in cannery construction and equipment.

Adjacent to the factory is being erected a group of attractive houses and cottages for the employees. A part of these are on the makai side of the main road, on the beach, and have a most attractive setting.

Railroad Being Extended

The railroad tracks of the Pioneer Mill Co., are at present being extended further onto the Honolulu ranch lands which will facilitate the bringing of the fruit down to the new cannery as well as give access to recent extension of the cane fields farther north along the coast.

The new improvements are being pushed as rapidly as possible in order that the new plant may be in readiness for the big canning season which usually opens on west Maui a few weeks earlier than in the other district. The placing of machinery will begin very shortly.

Claudine Stops At Lahaina Last Saturday

The inter-island steamer Claudine departed from her usual course in returning to Honolulu last Saturday, by running around to Lahaina for the purpose of taking on board Hon. W. O. Smith, who spoke at a suffrage meeting at Lahaina that afternoon and did not have time to come around to Kahului before the boat sailed. The vessel on the same trip picked up John L. Fleming, of Honolulu from a sampan off Honolulu where he had been enjoying a little fishing.

NEWBERRY AND 123 OTHERS ARE NOW ON TRIAL

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 27—United States Senator Truman H. Newberry and 123 prominent Michigan politicians went on trial here today charged with conspiracy, fraud and corruption in the 1918 senatorial election, in which Newberry defeated Henry Ford, the Democratic nominee.

Former Maui People Hurt In Auto Accident

Word has been received about the Clarence Whites, formerly residents of Haiku, but now living in Redlands, California, that both Mr. and Mrs. White recently suffered painful injuries in a automobile accident while driving to Los Angeles in their car. In a collision which occurred Mrs. White sustained a broken elbow and Mr. White a number of bruises, but no serious hurts. Both were badly shocked by the accident, however, and their car was badly wrecked.

Suffrage Meeting Called Off For "Flu"

Important Meeting Of Wailuku Women To Soon Be Held—Hon. W. O. Smith Addresses Big Crowd Of Women At Lahaina.

The call for a meeting of Wailuku women for this afternoon at Hippodrome theater for the purpose of completing the organization of a woman's suffrage club for the district was later recalled as a precautionary measure on account of the influenza epidemic. The meeting will probably be held later.

Last Saturday a largely attended meeting was held at Lahaina, attended by women of all nationalities of that district at which Hon. W. O. Smith, of Honolulu made the principal address. His subject was "The Laws of Hawaii Before and After Annexation," and was highly interesting as well as instructive. Mr. Smith came over from Honolulu especially to address this meeting.

A meeting of the educational committee of the Maui woman's suffrage association was held on Tuesday at which plans were made for programs for meetings to be held in the different district clubs in the near future. The women of Maui are working hard at present with the view of having an organization strong enough by the time the special session of the legislature is held in the spring to be able to make a real impression. It is expected to be able to secure the ballot for women through legislative action in time for the elections next fall, without having to wait for the ratification of the federal constitutional amendment, which will probably not be for another year.

Committee Discusses Plans Of Gun Club

Members of the executive committee of the Gun Club of the county fair and racing association met with D. L. Austin, of Davies & Co., at the Maui hotel last Monday night for a discussion of the plans for inaugurating the trap shooting at the Kahului grounds. Mr. Austin is recognized as one of the experts of the Islands with a shot gun and traps and a number of his suggestions will probably be carried out.

The two traps ordered some time ago as well as a supply of ammunition and targets ordered at the same time, are expected to arrive next month, and the members of the club are anxiously awaiting their arrival in order that they may get busy.

RESERVE BOARD IS BLAMED FOR MONEY SLUMP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—European exchange reached a new low level today the money of all old world countries being involved in the general slump. The pound sterling, which before the war was quoted \$4.86 plus fell today to \$3.55.

Some financial authorities declared that the rigid attitude of the Federal reserve board which prevents exports from financing shipments is to blame for the extreme weakness of foreign money.

It was announced today that the board has advised banks to curtail credits involving foreign purchases.

WYOMING RATIFIES

CHEYENNE, Jan. 28—The Wyoming state legislature yesterday ratified the federal woman suffrage amendment.

Suit To Annul Lease Of Peahi Hui Land

Action Taken By Officers Of Association May Result In Interesting Contest—Court Orders Land Resold—Divorces Granted

Because the guardian's notice of sale had been indefinite as to the time and place of such sale, Judge Burr, in chambers yesterday morning revoked a previous verbal confirmation made by him of the sale of a small tract of land at Mala, Lahaina, and ordered the sale set aside. The matter had to do with the guardianship of John and Daniel Makia, minors who have a one-third interest in the piece of land in question, and which it is understood is desired by the Baldwin Canneries in connection with the new cannery being erected at Lahaina. The court directed the guardian, D. C. Lindsay to re-advertise the property specifying in advertisement a specific time and date of the resale. The price the minors' interest brought the first time was \$600.

Suit Over Peahi Lands Starts

J. K. Smythe, Manuel Sebastian Santos, William F. Pogue, Fred Wilhelm, and William Smythe, officers of the Peahi Land Hui, an association which holds a large area of undivided lands in the Peahi district, Hamakualoa, Maui, has filed a suit in equity in the second circuit court against J. Takara, sometimes called J. Takada, G. M. Maalo, and the Baldwin National Bank which promises to open some interesting points before it is settled.

According to the petition Maalo, presumably a member of the hui, has loaned about 69 acres of the lands within the hui to the Japanese, Takara, and Takara is negotiating a loan which brings the bank into the suit. The plaintiffs claim that no member has a right to make such disposition of the hui lands, and asks in the name of the other members of the organization not otherwise interested, that the loan be revoked by the court.

It is understood that the land in question is a valuable piece of pineapple land.

Will Probated

In the matter of the estate of the late L. M. Baldwin, the court yesterday admitted the will of the deceased to probate and appointed the widow, Mrs. Ellen M. Baldwin as administratrix under bond of \$100,000. As before stated in these columns, the estate of the late county treasurer is considered worth between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and under the will is left unconditionally to the wife.

Divorces Granted

Judge Burr yesterday granted a divorce to Mrs. Ella Bal Lichtenfels from Dr. R. C. Lichtenfels, on grounds of non-support. The decree becomes effective February 1.

Mrs. Mary Fernandez Louis was also granted a divorce from Antoine Louis on like grounds. The Louises live at Hamakualoa.

Administrator Named

D. C. Lindsay was named by Judge Burr administrator of the estate of the late John Makahio, of Kahului. Bond was fixed at \$2000.

3000 REDS SLATED FOR DEPORTATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Department of justice officials announced last night that the decision by Secretary of Labor Wilson holding alien members of the Communist party subject to deportation makes perfect. The cases against 3000 of the 3500 aliens arrested in recent country-wide raids on radical headquarters and gathering places.

Of the 3500 Reds arrested, the department spokesmen said, 3000 had membership cards in the Communist party.

Secretary Wilson's ruling, issued Saturday, is to the effect that the Communist party is within the provisions of the act making membership in organizations advancing forcible overthrow of the United States grounds for deportation of aliens.

LAST TROOPS BROUGHT HOME

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—The Transport Northern Pacific arrived from Brest today, bringing the last contingents of the American Expeditionary Forces in France.